Disaster Causes Open House

Mrs. Lloyd Bryant's father, C. H. Tinnell, lived in this house on Davis Creek (Nelson County) as a youngster. Time passed and other families moved in, but when the Bryants took a photo trip to David Creek recently to inspect the summer's flood damage they found the entire outer wall sheared off by mud and rock slides. A couple occupying the house escaped serious injury by crouching in the protected corner of the upstairs bedroom (left). The house is quite old, says Lloyd Bryant. Sections of it were put together with wooden pegs, rather than nails.

Leaf Marketing Co-Op Explains $26,000 Refund

A $26,000 patronage refund now being paid to growers who marketed their leaf through the Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Marketing Association, represents proceeds of the Association through the 1946 crop, General Manager T. B. Hall, Jr., reports.

In his annual membership meeting report Friday, Hall noted that the marketing cooperative now has assets of $196,324.95. Some $131,878 of these assets are represented in the Association's farmer-owned warehouses and land in dark-fired market towns. This is depreciated value of these holdings, he explained.

The organization of growers also has currently some $61,828 in liquid assets, including cash and savings deposits.

Year's Net

For its 1968-69 operations, through end of the last fiscal year, the marketing organization had income from rents and handling charges, of $101,387.45, and costs totaled $99,031.69. Profits for the year of the 1968 crop amounted to $2,076.76, and the co-op paid $467.40 in federal income taxes, Hall also reported.

The after-taxes earnings, when divided by the number of eligible growers selling through the Association last season were "pretty small" Hall said. They amount to three and one-half cents per 100 pounds sold per individual.

Refunds are shared by all growers marketing at the cooperative's warehouses, whether they are members of the Association or not, Hall disclosed.

Hall also reported that the Association's five warehouses sold 74.4 per cent, or 4,650,000 pounds of the 1968 crop. Total sales last year were 6,247,000 pounds, down about a million pounds over the previous year. The average a year ago, however, was $46.68 a favorable advance over the $40.94 average for the 1967 crop.

Good Year Seen

Hall estimates this year's production at from 6.5 to 6.75 million pounds. "We feel like tobacco will sell very good this year," he said. He based this opinion, in part, on "the scarcity of dark-fired tobacco and the high prices currently being paid for other types of tobacco," such as flue-cured, or cigarette leaf.

The Association's income since the 1946 crop . . . the last for which a refund has been made . . . has been converted primarily to operating assets such as warehouses. In listing the organization's liabilities, he said the major item of $191,000 is on the group's books as income credits due to the members and others using the association facilities for marketing.

Only other liabilities are current, he explained, and amount to $4,466.45.

Youth Applauded

At a meeting where production and planting reports were grim, a 13-year-old youth from Prospect, Larry Allen, proved that not all is lost. Under auspices of the Extension Service, Rep. Abbitt presented the 4-H Club youth with a $15 cash award, provided by the community's three banks, It was in recognition of his half-acre 4-H project in dark tobacco which he has carried for two years.

Larry is the son of A. O. Allen, Jr., a top tobacco grower, and the little incident of father encouragement of the son was applauded as in the good interests of the industry.

Container Co. Sells 3 Tracts In Appomattox

Philadelphia, Pa. – United Container Co., a division of Kardon Industries, Inc., has sold three large tracts of ground in Appomattox, Va., to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. for $75,000.

United Container was represented by Charles H. Byer & Co., Inc., a newly-formed real estate firm with offices at 325 Chestnut St.

Appomattox is known for the famous Civil War meeting between Generals Grant and Lee which ended the War. The three tracts were the last of four in Virginia, comprising 1,500 acres, owned by Kardon since 1952.

SPOUT SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Cyrus of Spout Spring, Va. have returned home from Charlotte, N. C. where they visited their son and family.

Salem United Methodist Church will sponsor a supper at Spout Spring School, Saturday, Nov. 22, 5 to 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edell Martin had an open house Saturday, Nov. 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. A large number of relatives and friends called. Many nice gifts were brought and many good wishes extended to them in their new home. The house throughout was decorated in yellow fall flowers and miniature candy candles. The colors yellow and green, was tastefully carried in delicious refreshments. Punch and coffee was pured by their daughter, Mrs. James Wright of Madison Heights Va. and daughters - in - law, Mrs. Richard H. Martin and Mrs. Harold Martin, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Layne, Jr. Mrs. David H. Cyrus received and registered the guests. Many good wishes to this couple.

Rev. Schwemer is recovering at his home here after surgery recently.

Mr. A. B. Cole has returned from a fishing and hunting trip in Powtan County.

Mrs. Paul Myers and daughter Vickey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Cyrus Sunday afternoon.

The W. M. S. of Spout Spring Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Harry Reynolds tonight at 7:30. (Nov. 18)

The Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Mary Moon for the November meeting.

Rev. R. T. Smith of Evergreen preached at the Baptist Church here Sunday on account of the sickness of the Pastor, Rev. Schwemer. We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Smith to our church.

Grim Dark Tobacco Picture Drawn At Growers' Meeting

Farmville -

The hard-hit Virginia dark-fired tobacco industry which, oddly enough, has a desirable farm crop commodity at the lowest available supply levels in its history, but which too few want to grow, was assessed in pretty dark terms during the annual meeting of the Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Marketing Association at Farmville, Friday, November 7.

Fourth District Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, whose long record of legislative sponsorship has brought possible remedies to little avail, told the Association members in the Prince Edward Circuit Courtroom:

"Somehow, some way, we've got to get our people to plant tobacco, Unless we do,'I'm afraid our dark-fired industry is done," This, he added, would be a major blow to the regional farm economy, "Dark tobacco has meant so much to this area, and it was once the very economic lifeblood of our farm people."

Abbitt, chairman of the Tobacco subcommittee of the House of Representatives' Agriculture Committee, said he believes the Virginia dark-fired leaf is the best of the three dark tobacco types produced in Tennessee and Kentucky as well as in Virginia.

Buyers Alarmed

"If we could get our tobacco produced, we would have one of the very best commodities of all," he said, noting that demand has been sufficient to give this government-supported farm commodity "the shortest supply which has ever been known in its history."

Predicting buyers will turn to other producing nations for a more assured and adequate supply, he warned, "There is just no way we can keep up unless we have tobacco for buyers to buy and for exporters to export."

Rep. Abbitt said the newest legislative remedies, permitting growers to lease unused tobacco allotments for planting themselves, or even to actually acquire more allotment rights by outright purchase "haven't worked out as well as we had hoped."

For example, he pointed out, last year 726 allotments were transferred by lease, or only 11 per cent of the total acreage. Only 51 allotments were transferred by sale, Vigor for the crop would require much greater use of idle allotments, he suggested.

In his assessment that the labor shortage and the difficulty in inducing workers to help with the tedious tobacco growing chores are contributing factors, he was joined by Roy B, Davis, Jr., of Halifax. Davis is the tobacco marketing specialist in the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Two Big Needs

Noting his opinion that all the legislation needed to spur production has been enacted already, Davis said there remain "two things that will have to be done to get production up." These are, he said: (1) a further increase in prices paid to growers, and (2) a reduction in the farm cost of production.

He urged Association leaders to do everything possible to have a program of research on labor-saving mechanical equipment stressed at VPI.

He cited statistical studies showing that "in the production of good quality tobacco where labor is available, dark tobacco can be a profitable crop commodity." If we can't get the labor, we'll just have to get labor-saving machinery, he added.

Dark-fired tobacco production in Virginia was 46,000 acres in 1929, with an additional 8,000 acres of dark air-cured leaf then. By 1936, this had been reduced to 26,000 acres, while today the total is only about 5,000 acres.

Production Snag

Per-acre average production has risen from about 700 pounds in 1929 to about 1,400 today. Many good growers far exceed this average today, and that is the key to profitable operations, it was pointed out, But the labor shortage is one hurdle to higher yields, which requires close and continuous attention during the growing season, When only the 1,400 pounds-per-acre average yield is achieved, this is where growers find the present price range hardly an incentive to stay in the business . . . and they haven't been by the hundreds.

1908 'Virginian Full Of News

Fall housecleaning in the attic at the Henry Barger home uncovered a copy of the "Southside Virginian" of Thursday, June 4, 1908.

Mrs. Barger shared the sixty-one year old newspaper, "Devoted to the interests of Appomattox and adjoining Counties" with the staff.

On page one of the eight page paper an Appomattox county directory, "Hon. George J. Rundley, of Farmville, Judge of Circuit Court plus a full listing of county officials including S. L. Ferguson, then Commonwealth's attorney; J. B. Hornsby, Clerk of the Circuit Court, etc.

The Smith Furniture Store and Undertaking establishment was advertised on the front page as well as the Bank of Appomattox, W. L. Brown, Contractor and Builder of Evergreen and others.

News included the re-organization of the U. D. C. Chapter. Mrs. J. W. Flood was elected president. The Pamplin Tobacco Market, Farmers Warehouse solicited patronage for the oncoming harvest and the editorial column carried the news that because of the discovery of hog cholera serum, "never before has the farmer been in a better position to raise hogs."

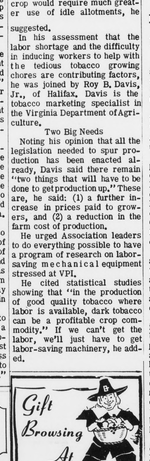
The paper also carried notice of the death of Stephen D. Lee, last of the Confederate generals and at that time commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

Social notes revealed that "The Rosebuds will be entertained on the lawn of Mrs. Robt. Irby's, Friday evening, June 5. Cream and cake will be served, games of different kinds after which the ladies will sell cream and cake."

More than forty Appomattox veterans were presented with Crosses of Honor on May 23rd names still familiar in the county: Dickerson, Coleman, Atwood, Hurt, O'Brien, Stratton and many more.

Ten dollars in gold was first prize in a word contest.

J. C. Shearer was business manager of the paper.



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Austin-Babcock Contribute To Student Program

Robert L. Austin, of Appomattox, chief probation officer of the Fifth Regional Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, is primary advisor for a pioneering program involving Lynchburg College students as apprentices in social service work.

Since September, six students on varying weekday mornings and afternoons head for Rustburg and the courthouse there.

They are participating in a program designed to provide with them insights into such subjects as why teenagers become delinquents and how they are handled by the courts, the court's role in a dissolved marriage and what can be done legally for a child who is victim either of abuse or neglect.

Mrs. Virginia Moses Babcock, Appomattox, another of the Fifth Regional Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court's probation officers also works with the students, six students each semester from the sociology department of the College. Thomas W. Seaman, assistant professor of sociology, is an instructor.

Robert Austin and Mrs. Babcock work under the jurisdiction of Harold Brown Singleton, judge of the court.

The student social workers work at the court with probation officers. They go out on field work with case workers and participate in a seminar session with professor Seaman.

Officers Are Installed At Sherwill

The Sherwill 4-H Club met recently at the Sherwille Community Center for their monthly meeting.

Paxine Fleming, president, conducted the meeting and gave devotions.

Jane Garrette led the pledges to the american and 4-H flags.

Mr. Carey Carson, extension agent, announced that Achievement Night would be held on Nov. 18 at Rustburg Intermediate School at 7:30 p.m. He requested that all exhibits be set up at the school between 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. in order to be ready by program time.

National 4-H Week was observed October 5-11. Those 4-H members who made brief talks which were taped and heard on radio stations in Lynchburg, Altavista and Brookneal, were Terry Coffey, Glenn Giles, Sam Jones, Carolyn Giles and Jane Garrette, Also taking part on "Listeners Forum" on the subject of 4-H were Jane Garrette and Sam Jones from this club, along with members from other clubs in Campbell County. Making and displaying posters in local business establishments were Terry Coffey, Jane Garrette and Carolyn Giles. Jane and Terry wrote news articles which were published in the Appomattox and Brookneal news.

Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie distributed "thank you" notes to Mary Carter Feagans, Carolyn Giles, Glenn Giles, Sam Jones, Gail Carson, Jane Garrette and Terry Coffey from the Concord Young Homemakers Club in appreciation for their participation in a program held in September. Carolyn Giles reported on the District Make It With Wool con-

Figureheads In Artmobile Exhibit

Fourth graders of 4-B, Carver Price, were transported in time back to sailing ship days and the woodcarver's art that produced figure heads for wooden ships of by-gone days as the Va. Museum Artmobile visited a week at Appomattox Elementary School. Mrs. Booker is the teacher's aide on date Friday with the 4th graders, with Miss Leonard, the teacher, The Junior Woman's Club sponsored the Artmobile visit with Mrs. F. L. Eggleston as chairman of arrangements.

STONEWALL

An dominion snail serve and obey him. Daniel 7:27.

Mr. Lewis McCormick is a patient in the hospital. Rev. Lawrence visited him last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited her brother, Josh Alvis in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mrs John Ewen visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Ayers in Virginia Baptist Hospital last week. She is getting on fine now.

Mrs. Virginia Gillaspie is home doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Agee last week.

Mr. Bud Harding went back to work last Tuesday after being out for 6 weeks with a broken wrist.

Mrs. Tom Davidson visited her mother last week, Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lowe and son of Norfolk spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Hop Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and Tommie visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mrs. Lucille Burnett and Aubrey of Concord visited Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee last week.

Mrs. Betty Walker Anderson is not so well at this writing.

Brightwell 4-H

Mrs. Brightwell's 4-H Club had a meeting on Nov. 7. Mr. Smith called the meeting to order. First on the agenda was to elect officers for the year.

test held in Dillwyn. She was first place winner in the Jr. Suit division and was awarded a trip to the state competition in Staunton being held on November 22 at the Hotel Engleside. Mary Carter Feagans won second place in the Jr. Dress division and Jane Garrette won third place in Jr. Suits.

Sam Jones announced that he had worked with the Tyreanna 4-H Club members in showing them how to present homeowners with factual material which he prepared on safety in the home – especially emergecy phone numbers to keep close to the phone.

Each member was instructed to give thought to a club project that would be suitable for the 1969-70 year.

A committee was named to work on the National 4-H Week scrapbook to be prepared and entered in the National Contest. Those named are Terry Coffey, Carolyn Giles, Jane Garrette, Glenn Giles and Sam Jones.

New officers elected and installed for the 1969-70 year were Jane Garrette – president; Carolyn Giles – Vice president; Thomas Evans – 2nd Vice president; Terry Coffey – Secretary; Mary Carter Feagans – Treasurer and Glenn Giles, Reporter. Sam Jones will act as recreation leader.

Glenn Giles, Reporter

CHESTNUT GROVE

Nov. 10 – Visting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger last week were Mrs. Bettie P. O'Brien of Lynchburg. Visiting on Saturday were Mrs. Elsie Coats, Mrs. Dorothy Rice, Mrs. Birtha Jones, all of Crewe, Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cassade of Crewe; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan of Andersonville; the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Voorhes and Cyndee of Wake Forest, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rice Seay at Andersonville.

Visting in the W. T. Cook home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter and family of Burkeville, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook and family of Farmville.

Cadets Edward Cook and Ernest Cook of Fort Union spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

The Rev. and Mrs. William H. Voorhes and Cyndee of Wake Forest, N. C. were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Repass.

Visting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Barr during the week end were Joe Barr, Paul Hickman and Jesse B. Johnston all of Farmville, Mrs. Ray L. Duty and Karla Lee of Andersonville, Mr. Barr who has been sick is improving.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley is a patient in the Southside Community Hospital, we hope she will have a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and family of Rustburg visited in the home during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass and Mrs. Kemper Beasley visited Mrs. Roy Perkins in Johnston Willis Hospital in Richmond Wednesday.

Charles Morris of VPI spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny O'Brien of Spout Spring.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Graybeal, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pope and daughters, all of Abingdon. On Saturday they all visited relatives in Crewe.

Gibson's 4-H Club

Mrs. Gibson's 4th grade 4-H club held its monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 6. The following officers were elected: president, Katherine Mitchell, vice president, Shelly Davidson, secretary - treasurer, Benita Moore; reporter, Robin Moore; song leaders: David Robertson and Sherry Litchford.

Robin Moore, Reporter

Santa Show Fri., Nov. 28

Pittman Plaza, "Wonderland of Christmas Shopping", in Lynchburg, suggests that readers mark their calendars for Mrs. Santa's Christmas Show, Friday, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. for one show only.

A toy for Toys for Tots admits one, and the show features Miss Nancy and Mergatroyd, lovable lion puppet. Also, dance and baton routines by Carole Riggs Dance Studio and the appearance of Miss Virginia, Rosalind Lee Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Duncan, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Santa and her Santaland escorts will be there plus color cartoons for the youngsters.

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